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POLITICAL REFORM.

The Press of Saturday has a timely and creditable editorial on the necessity of reform in the selection of legislators. Its counsels are wise and patriotic, but its list of exceptions to the rule of venality that confessedly prevails in the Legislature is a mockery of its virtuous protestations. While some of the names it parades as worthy of respect are justly so classed, in the list are the names of several, at least, of those who were conspicuous for their shameless corruption.

We are glad to see the Press speak out so decidedly in favor of the absolute necessity of reform; and we look for it to carry out practically its devotion to the good cause. We beg to call the attention of that professedly political journal to the important fact, that reform will not come by any number of glittering generalities in defense of public virtue. For many years the Press, and indeed nearly all the city journals, have opened each campaign with just such demands for reform, and each year the same rings, and the same class of corruptionists, control political nominations and land themselves in our legislature, and in other important places.

The time has come when something more than mere newspaper protests in advance of nominations, will meet the great and growing public demand for reform. If bad men are nominated they must be defeated! Thus far the press and the better class of people have been content to complain, and vote the ticket; but hitherto there have always been important national interests at stake to render opposition to regular nominations ill-advised. Now, however, all our national questions are settled, and if the Press and the other journals demanding reform, will but stand out inflexibly against the success of corruptionists, no matter how or by whom nominated, substantial good will be attained.

We welcome the Press to the cause of reform, and ask it to go hand in hand to attack the evil at its festering roots. For fifteen years our Legislatures have been growing more and more corrupt, and each year fresh shame is flung upon our Commonwealth by the advancing and swelling tide of legislative debauchery. It cannot be cured by attacking its branches. They may be cut off this year, but they will grow more vigorously next year and soon regain the lost ascendancy. As long as the fountain is corrupt, and the temptation to venality abounds on every hand, just so long will reform be superficial and short lived.

To effect lasting reform, it must be fundamental. The fountain of corruption must be destroyed by taking from the Legislature all power over corporate interests, and requiring all legislation to be by general laws. All our corporate interests should be regulated by general enactments, and the hundreds of local laws now passed annually to effect individual or local interests, should be transferred to the courts. If this were done by amendment to our constitution, the temptation to corruption would be destroyed, and professional legislators, disgracing the city and State during three months of the year, and looting on the curbstones and around the whisky mills and junk-shops the remainder of the year, would be unknown.

The Legislature should also be enlarged to so large a number that Senatorial aspirants—the only remaining source of corruption—could not attempt to triumph by debauchery. With our State Treasurer made elective by the people, and surrounded by wholesome constitutional checks, and say one hundred Senators and five hundred members of the House, our statesmanship would not be the creation of the purse, and our State would cease to be a by-word and a reproach because of the exceptional character of its representative men. With such a Legislature, relieved of all private peculations, and with nothing but public interests to look after, our sessions would not last sixty days. The saving to the people would be counted by millions, and the saving in honor and in the character and capacity of our public men would be incalculable.

Will not the Press join in demanding substantial reform? If the journals sincerely desirous of redeeming the State from the rule of venality and mediocrity, or worse, will but unite and earnestly call for a constitutional convention, they can witness the triumph of constitutional reform in the next Legislature. Already the shuffling has commenced for a repetition of our past shameful Senatorial contests, so truthfully portrayed and so earnestly deplored by Colonel Forney only a few years ago, and now is the time to crush the monster of corruption by aiming at its vitals. One vigorous united assault along the whole line will win the day.

THE OREGON ELECTION.

SEVERAL States have already held elections this year, but Oregon is the first to vote for a member of the Forty-second Congress, and to her therefore belongs the honor of opening the National campaign of 1870. The election takes place to-day, and, in addition to a member of Congress, a Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and State Printer are to be voted for. The following are the names of the candidates for the principal offices:—

Rep. Congressman... Jos. G. Wilson, James F. Slater, Gov. Governor... Joel Palmer, L. P. Groves, Sec'y of State... James Elkins, S. P. Clavick, Treasurer... Meyer Hirsch, L. Felschner.

As the State officers are to serve for four

years, the contest will probably be an exciting one, and a heavy vote polled. A still further interest is centered in the result from the fact that the Legislature to be chosen will elect a successor to the Hon. George H. Williams, Republican, whose term expires on March 4, next. Oregon is content with biennial elections, and the last were held, therefore, in June and November, 1868, the Legislature elected this year standing as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Party, Seats, House, J. Ballou, J. Ballou. Rows: Republicans, Democrats, Dem. maj.

The Republicans must, therefore, do a great deal better to-day than they did two years ago, or Senator Williams will be succeeded by a Democrat. In 1868 the vote for Congressman stood 10,580 for David Logan, Rep., to 11,789 for J. S. Smith, Dem.—a Democratic majority of 1209. In November, 1868, the vote for President stood, for Grant 10,961, and for Seymour 11,125—a Democratic majority of 164. In 1864 Lincoln's majority was 1431, and in 1866 the Republicans carried the State by a majority of 327 on Governor, and 553 on Congressman, while the Legislature then elected had a Republican majority of 7 on joint ballot. The total vote of the State is about 23,000, and it will thus be seen that the State is a very close one, with the chances about evenly balanced. It is claimed, however, by the Republicans, that the reputation platform of the State Democracy has disgusted enough of the business men of the State to render the result certain. The Republican Convention which met at Portland on April 7 adopted a resolution declaring that no repudiator of the public debt can be trusted in public places, thus joining a square issue on this vital question. It also recommended universal amnesty, but had not enough courage to vote down a resolution opposing any change in the naturalization laws which will give the right of suffrage to the Chinaman.

ANOTHER ABUSE OF THE PARDONING POWER. On Saturday last Judge Allison sentenced Charles Brown, convicted of burglary and assault with intent to kill, to an imprisonment for twenty-four years. In imposing this heavy but not undeserved punishment, the Judge stated that Brown was an old offender, who had previously been convicted of similar offenses, but who had been pardoned by our over-lenient Governor before the expiration of his sentence. One of the most useful ends served by courts and prisons is the protection of the community from men who, like this offender, make a regular profession or business of the practice of burglariously entering the houses of peaceful citizens and waging deadly conflicts with them; and the interposition of the pardoning power in behalf of such characters is even a worse abuse of that prerogative than the release of notorious poisoners of public morals. The pardoning power, as exercised by the present Executive, in cases originating in this city, is an unmitigated curse, and if it is not speedily invested in more discreet hands the people will be forced to demand its entire abolition.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY holds her annual election to-day, at which a delegate to the forty-second Congress is to be chosen. The people are also to decide whether or not a convention shall be held to frame a constitution preparatory to the application of the Territory for admission to the Union as a State. As the population, according to the highest estimates, is but 60,000, Washington had better wait a year or two; but advices from this section lead us to believe that she will not so wait, but will vote largely in favor of becoming the rottenest borough in the Union. For Congressional Delegate, the regular Republican candidate is the Hon. Selucius Garfield, who holds the seat at present. There has been so much dissatisfaction with this nomination that another Republican candidate, Mr. Marshall Blinn, has entered the field, in addition to Judge James D. Mix, the Democratic nominee. In 1869, the vote for delegate stood 2743 Republican to 2595 Democratic; and in 1867, 2368 Republican to 2272 Democratic—a Republican majority of 148 in 1869, and of 96 in 1867. With two Republican candidates in the field, and the last vote so close, it looks as though Washington Territory were destined to lead the Democratic advance.

A PRINCIPALITY OBLITERATED.—A recent cable despatch stated that arrangements have been completed for the annexation of the Duchy of Lauenburg to the Kingdom of Prussia. In 1864 the Duchy was ceded by Denmark to the sovereigns of Austria and Prussia. A year later, by the treaty of Gastein, the King of Prussia became sole sovereign of the Duchy, under the title of the Duke of Lauenburg. The amalgamation of the territory with Prussia is now completed.

SPECIAL NOTICES. STEINWAY & SONS' GRAND SQUARE AND UPRIGHT PIANOS. CHARLES BLASIVS, SOLE AGENT FOR THE SALE OF THE WORLD-RENOVED PIANOS, AT THE OLD WAREHOUSES, No. 1006 CHESNUT STREET.

NOTICE.—THE ATTENTION OF the charitable public is called to the Ladies' Strawberry Festival and Instrumental Music, to be held at COSBERT HALL, on the Evening of June 14, for the benefit of the Bedford Street Mission. Through the press the people have been acquainted with the desperate misery, squalor, and sickness that reign in these dark abodes of evil. A band of noble men and women have been nobly at work for some time past in their efforts to relieve the suffering, and the ladies appeal to the friends of the suffering, in all denominations, to aid them by the purchase of tickets, or donations of sugar, flowers, cake, or money to be used at the Festival. Tickets \$1, to be had of GEORGE MILLIKEN, No. 125 CHESNUT Street, at the Book Rooms, No. 105 ARCH Street; or of any of the Managers, or at the Hall on the evening of the Festival, where any donations will also be thankfully received.

THE UNION FIRE EXTINGUISHER COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA Manufacture and sell the Improved, Portable Fire Extinguisher. Always Reliable. D. T. GAGE, 530 1/2 No. 118 MARKET St., General Agent.

ARTISTS' FUND GALLERIES (Opposite U. S. Mint). SHERIDAN'S RIDE, with a collection of Paintings by T. BUCHANAN READ, and other American Artists, from private Galleries. LAST WEEK OF THE EXHIBITION. The Poem recited at 12 M. and 4 and 9 P. M., by MR. J. B. ROBERTS

CENTENARY FAIR AND FESTIVAL.—The Ladies of the CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH hold a Fair and Festival, at the Lecture-room of their Church, LOCUST Street, from 10 o'clock A. M. to 10 P. M., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 5th, 6th, and 7th instants. A great variety of fancy and useful articles will be offered for sale, with an abundance of STRAWBERRIES, ICE CREAM, AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS. Season tickets, 25 cents. Single tickets, 10 cents. 64 1/2

FLORAL FESTIVAL, FAIR, AND PROMENADE CONCERT, at HORTICULTURAL HALL, FRIDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, 5th, 6th, and 7th instants, and 10, by the Ladies of Beth-Eden Church. First Regiment Band every evening. Tickets, 25 cents. Season Tickets, 50 cents. For sale at S. C. Shinn's Drug Store, S. W. corner Broad and Spruce streets and at the Hall.

HARPER'S HAIR DYE.—THE ONLY harmless and reliable Dye known. This splendid Hair Dye is perfect. Changes red, rusty, or gray hair, whiskers, or mustaches, into glossy black or natural brown, without injuring the hair or staining the skin, leaving the hair soft and beautiful. Only 50 cents per box. J. ALLAN, No. 62 ARCH Street, TRINITY No. 4 CHESNUT Street, YARNELL, FIFTEENTH and MARKET Streets, BROWN, FIFTH and CHESNUT Sts. and all Druggists. 53 1/2 40

OFFICE CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL COMPANY, held June 6, 1870, the following named persons were elected a Board of President and Directors to serve for the ensuing year and until others be chosen viz: President.—DREW C. GRAY, DIRECTORS: Samuel W. Jones, George Caldwell, Joseph Jones, J. F. Fisher, John Bohler, William Harmer, H. Pratt McKean, J. F. Gilpin, T. A. Biddle, I. V. Williamson, Isaac Ford, Charles H. Hutchinson, Edwin Swift, David Seaton.

OFFICE OF THE SCHUYLKILL NAVIGATION COMPANY, No. 417 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, May 25, 1870. Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Stockholders and Leaseholders of this Company will be held at this office on MONDAY, the 20th of JUNE, 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of considering a proposition to lease the works, franchises, and property of the Schuylkill Navigation Company to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. By order of the Managers, F. FRALEY, President.

POST OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA. On and after TUESDAY, 7th inst., notice for Boston, Providence, Newport, Hartford, and New Haven will close at this office at 12 M. instead of 1 P. M. HENRY H. BINGHAM, Postmaster.

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"Mr. Conductor, stop the car this minute!" "Be at the corner in a minute, sir!" "No matter, I don't want to go to the corner! I want to stop right here!" "What's the matter with the man?" "Matter? Why matter enough, sir! Don't you see? I can't afford to go past the GREAT BROWN HALL, with such a notice as that starting me in the face."

"What notice?" "Why, don't you see? Read it!"

A NICE WOOLLEN SUIT FOR TEN DOLLARS!" "Whoa! Whoa! Let's go and see it!"

And the conductor and all the passengers get out at ROCKHILL & WILSON'S, and every man of them buys a TEN DOLLAR SUIT, and they all subscribe to make up ten dollars for a suit for the driver. After which they drive off, crying as they go, "HURRAH FOR THE TEN DOLLAR SUITS OF ROCKHILL & WILSON!"

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HOTELS. OCEAN HOUSE, CAPE MAY, N. J. This favorite FIRST-CLASS FAMILY HOTEL, with additional home-like comforts and attractions, will be reopened on JUNE 15. Terms, \$21.00 per week. Application to be made to LYCETT & SAWYER, Cape May, New Jersey.

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GOODS FOR THE LADIES. 3-4 and 5-1 Black Silk and Wool Hernanics. EDWIN HALL & CO., No. 28 SOUTH SECOND STREET, HAVE JUST received a fresh lot of these DESIRABLE GOODS. They are believed to be the BEST GOODS that have been in the market this season. WE GUARANTEE THEM PURE SILK AND WOOL. LARGE AND SMALL WRELS. We have BLACK HERNANICS and GREENADINES from 21 cents to \$7.50 per yard. JAPANESE CLOTHS, 25c. of Light Finish for Summer Wear, as well as the Double Warps.

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